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Enterprise vacation rental checklist

Coffee County, Alabama | Rules checked November 5, 2026

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Enterprise requires a business license plus a $20 yearly permit for each short-term rental (stays under 90 days) in the city and its police jurisdiction, with a 24-hour local contact, an evacuation map and fire extinguishers, all parking on site, and no events. Lodgings tax is 14% in the city (6% city, 4% county, 4% state).

Accessory dwellings can't be used as short-term rentals (zoning §7.01). The zoning code lists short-term rentals in some districts, such as PRD and MHP; ask Planning whether your zone allows one.

Part of Enterprise is in Dale County, where the county tax is also 4% (filed with Avenu).

The city says business licenses renew by February 15 without penalty (15% after that, 30% after March 15).

Violations carry fines up to $100 each, and repeat violations can be referred to the council for revocation.

Airbnb's Alabama tax article lists the state tax and the local taxes the state administers. It doesn't name the Avenu- or city-administered taxes here, so ask your platform what it collects and file the rest yourself.

Licensing steps

STATE OF ALABAMA

- [ ] **Register for the lodgings tax**
  Create an account at My Alabama Taxes (MAT) and register for state lodgings tax, plus any local lodgings taxes the state administers for your county and city. Cities that collect their own tax need a separate account with the city.
  My Alabama Taxes: https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov/
- [ ] **File by the 20th**
  Returns are due by the 20th of the following month. Small filers can ask (before February 20) to file quarterly, twice a year, or yearly. Paying on time earns a small discount (5% of the first $100 of tax, 2% after).
- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Under Act 2024-334, Airbnb, VRBO, and other booking platforms collect the state and local lodgings taxes on their bookings unless your contract says you remit. You still owe tax on direct bookings, and the law adds a yearly report of every unit rented more than 14 days.
- [ ] **Keep filing once you register**
  If every booking goes through a platform that collects all your state and local lodgings taxes, you may not need your own account. But if you take direct bookings, or the platform doesn't collect one of your local taxes (often the ones filed with a city, a county, or Avenu), register and file it yourself. Once registered, file every period, even a $0 return, and report platform-collected sales as a deduction. Some county offices ask owners to keep their own account and file monthly even when the platform pays, so ask yours.
- [ ] **Then your county and city**
  Local business licenses, rental permits, and zoning rules are where Alabama towns differ most. Pick your area.

COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

- [ ] **Register for the county lodgings tax**
  Open a local tax account with Avenu Insights for the 4% county tax.
- [ ] **Then your city**
  Enterprise has its own license, permit, and safety rules. Pick your area.

CITY OF ENTERPRISE

- [ ] **Get the business license and permit**
  Apply with the Revenue Department as a Short-Term Residential Rental (NAICS 721199, Schedule K) and pay $20 a year for each unit. Give the owner, any manager, a local contact with a 24-hour phone, the address, and an affidavit that no lodging tax is owed. A separate manager needs a city short-term rental license too.
  Enterprise short-term rentals: https://enterpriseal.gov/services/revenue_and_business_licenses/short_term_rentals.php
- [ ] **Register for lodgings tax**
  Total lodgings tax here is 14% (6% city, 4% county, 4% state). The city 6% (3% in the police jurisdiction) is filed with the city by mail, in person, or through ONE SPOT; the county 4% goes to Avenu Insights. Late city returns owe a 10% penalty. The state 4% goes through My Alabama Taxes; Airbnb collects it on its bookings. Ask your platform whether it also collects the local taxes, and file anything it doesn't by the 20th of each month.
- [ ] **Meet the safety rules**
  Mount an evacuation map (at least 8 by 10 inches, with a "you are here" star and every exit and extinguisher) near the exits. Put a serviced fire extinguisher under the kitchen sink, in any garage, and on each floor. Smoke alarms go in every bedroom, outside bedrooms, and on every level, tested twice a year; CO alarms where codes require. Sign the safety affidavit with each renewal.
- [ ] **Post the permit and contact placard**
  Post the permit inside, plus an 8½ by 11 placard with the 24-hour contact's full name and phone number in letters at least 1½ inches tall.
- [ ] **Renew each year**
  Show proof of property insurance, pay any lodging tax owed, sign the safety affidavit, and pay the license. Report ownership or manager changes within 15 days.

House rules for guests

Parking: All guest vehicles on site

Events: Not allowed

Trash: Out of public view except in proper containers

Who to contact

City Hall: 334-347-1211
Avenu Insights (local lodgings tax): 1-800-556-7274
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Enterprise asks for drawings with your application.
Make the site sketch, floor plans, and evacuation maps to scale from your measurements at FireEscapePlan.com.

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